

GOT \$60,000 ON BAD CHECKS.

CAPT. WHEELER'S NAME FORGED BY NIECE'S HUSBAND.

He opened account in Second National Bank with an \$8,500 flyer and Mutual cashed everything till he overdrawn account—Arrest After a Junket.

Arthur C. Babbitt, who described himself as a consulting engineer, was arrested at the Hotel Navarre last night, charged with uttering checks for nearly \$60,000 to which was forged the signature of Capt. William H. Wheeler, a retired army officer, of 66 West Fifty-first street, whose niece Babbitt married. Police Inspector McLaughlin arrested Babbitt at the instance of the Pinkertons and the officials of the Mutual Bank, Broadway and Thirty-third street.

Inspector McLaughlin said that Babbitt's bogus checks might have kept on going into the Mutual Bank for some time to come if Capt. Wheeler had happened to have more money in the bank. The swindle was discovered only when Babbitt overdrawed the account.

Babbitt went to Philadelphia with a party of friends in an automobile early last week for a few days' lark. He sent from there for deposit in the Second National Bank, at 190 Fifth avenue, with which he opened an account last spring, when the police say, he started his wholesale system of forgeries, a check to his own order for \$5,000, indorsed by him and bearing the forged signature of Capt. Wheeler. The Second National as usual sent the \$5,000 check to the Mutual, and when the cashier of the Mutual, Hugh N. Kirkland, came to look into Capt. Wheeler's account he found that there was only \$1200 left.

The Mutual's officials then became suspicious of all the checks that had come to them from the Second National, and when they found that Capt. Wheeler's account had been rapidly vanishing since last March through the same channel they notified their lawyers, Stern & Rushmore, of 40 Wall Street.

Eldon Blasee, a member of the firm, went to work on the case. He learned that Babbitt had opened the account with the Second National in March by depositing a check for \$5,500, which was drawn to his order against Capt. Wheeler's account. Babbitt then grew bolder, began spending money freely, and issuing other bogus checks for big sums on Capt. Wheeler's account whenever his funds ran low.

The lawyer immediately called in the Pinkertons. They traced Babbitt and a party of friends to the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, where they had gone to see the Corbett-McGovern fight, which took place on Thursday night. The detectives reported to Mr. Blasee that Babbitt and his friends were coming back to New York yesterday. Inspector McLaughlin was informed of the whole case yesterday afternoon, and learning that Babbitt had been staying at the Hotel Navarre since last June went there looking for him last night with Detective Sergeant Lyons.

Babbitt didn't seem much surprised over his arrest, the inspector said. "I guess the jig's up, all right," was his comment, the inspector says. "I felt a little bit squeamish when I sent in that last \$5,000 check and heard that Wheeler only had \$1,200 left. I've had a good time with the money I've lashed, so there is no use worrying about it."

After Babbitt had been taken to Police Headquarters, where he was locked up, he confessed, Inspector McLaughlin said, that he had drawn nearly \$60,000 in Capt. Wheeler's name.

He said he had spent all he wanted to and had lost the rest in Wall Street and at the racetracks. He said that he had a balance of \$145 in the Mutual Bank. He had \$187 in his pockets when he was searched. Capt. Wheeler, who is said to have other bank accounts than the one that was the subject of Babbitt's forgeries, has been in Europe since last fall, and returned yesterday from the America from Hamburg. He was met at the pier by representatives of the bank, and was made acquainted with Babbitt's doings. He was stunned when he realized the full extent of the robbery. Capt. Wheeler did not go to his home last night, and could not be located.

Inspector McLaughlin said that Babbitt is a native of Chicago, where he has a mother living. He met Capt. Wheeler's niece there and was married in that city. The inspector was given to understand that Mrs. Babbitt left her husband some time ago.

"Babbitt had forged checks on Capt. Wheeler before and was forgiven," said the inspector. "I know of one instance where he got \$7,500 in this way. He was still living with his wife, and on her account (Capt. Wheeler forgave him. I understand that Babbitt became very hard up this spring, and forged a check on Capt. Wheeler for \$250, which was cashed by Charles G. Gates & Co. He got this so easily that he opened the account with the Second National Bank and started out to lead a gay life entirely upon the strength of Capt. Wheeler's bank account."

While Babbitt said that his business was that of a consulting engineer, he couldn't tell of any firms in this city he had worked for. He said he was employed for a time last winter when the building strike was on here.

James S. Case, cashier of the Second National Bank, said at his home, 278 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, last night, that the loss would all fall on the Mutual Bank unless Capt. Wheeler was willing to shoulder it himself. He said that Babbitt turned in another check for \$1,500 for certification before his \$5,000 check from Philadelphia had gone through the Clearing House. This check was held up.

Capt. Wheeler is a member of the Union and Manhattan clubs.

Pittsburg, Oct. 20.—President Roosevelt has ordered the release of James Ekas, formerly clerk of the National Bank of Tennessee. Mrs. Ekas appealed to the President on account of her husband's falling health. Ekas was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on October 22, 1904. He confessed to having misappropriated \$4,807 of the bank's funds.

GRAND STAND FALLS.

Priest Mortally Hurt and Many Others Injured at Football Game.

SYRACUSE, Oct. 20.—The Rev. Father Christopher J. Donigan, assistant pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, was mortally injured by the collapse of the bleachers at the Colgate-Syracuse football game this afternoon. The upper section of the bleacher fell, carrying down 300 students and townsmen and injuring about twenty. The following are the most seriously hurt:

FATHER DONIGAN, back broken and will die. MISS MILLIE F. WEAH of Syracuse lower jaw broken.

MRS. F. J. CUNNINGHAM of Syracuse, internally injured.

FRANK THOMPSON of Syracuse, foot broken and badly bruised.

GEORGE CALZ of Syracuse, rib broken and internal injuries, may die.

A. J. SCHWARTZ, Colgate student, internally injured and foot broken.

HENRY S. PADDOCK, aged 65, of Lockport county, left foot broken and back hurt.

DR. ROBERT JONES of Syracuse, bruised.

Principal Louis of Vassar, Frederick, Albany, N. Y., broken leg and back injured.

S. H. KEARNEY of Utica, bruised.

HARVEY D. DUNNELL of Seneca, assistant manager of Colgate team, bruised.

HARRY HOCK of Hamilton; JOHN GLASS, MISS EMILY GLASS, NEBENBERG, FREDERICK ARMSTRONG, S. C. OMBRESSE and ROBERT DARMON of Syracuse, more or less bruised.

The game was played at Athletic field west of this city, as the university oval is being replaced by a stadium and cannot be used this year. The Athletic field is owned by the Lakeside Railroad Company and is the place where the league baseball games are played.

The bleachers went down without warning. The injured were placed aboard a car and hurried to the hospital, where their injuries were cared for. The accident happened at 3:30 o'clock, just as Colgate was kicking off for the opening of the second half.

The game was stopped until the injured were removed and then it was continued. The accident was caused by the rotting of the beams which supported the seats.

DROWNING ENDS RUNAWAY.

Horse Gallops Down Pier With Driver and Plunges Into East River.

George Heubner, a boss truckman, with offices at 14 East Twenty-seventh street, bought a new horse yesterday and invited his friend, Thomas V. Seale, to ride with him. The horse was hitched to a light buggy, and Heubner and Seale drove around town nearly all the afternoon.

At Twenty-first street and Third avenue, shortly before 9 o'clock last night, the horse became frightened at an elevated train and ran away. It galloped east through Twenty-first street with Heubner tugging at the reins.

Nearing First avenue Seale gave it as his opinion that the horse would go straight into the river, and just as the rig shot across the avenue he rolled out. He says he advised Heubner to do likewise, but the latter said he thought he could bring the horse to a stop before they went into the water.

Policeman Cullen picked up Seale as he fell and then watched the runaway. The horse didn't stop, but raced down the pier at the foot of East Twenty-first street and plunged into the East River from the bulkhead.

Seale was taken to Bellevue Hospital and treated for bruises and cuts he had sustained in his fall. Then he and a number of policemen from the East Twenty-second street station house went back to the pier and searched for Heubner. They could find no trace of him or of the horse and rig.

A squad of policemen and a number of men from the neighborhood were busy dragging the water around the pier until a late hour last night, but Heubner was not found.

Seale told the police that Heubner was 30 years old and lived at 2054 Seventh avenue. Heubner was engaged to be married to Seale's sister.

WOULD BLOW UP HIS SHIP.

Capt. Egerton Decided to Stand Pat and Laughed at the Angry Boat Crew.

When the steamship Napolitan Prince, which sailed for Naples yesterday afternoon from this port, docked last Monday at the foot of Forty-sixth street, Brooklyn, she had on board six stowaways and ten passengers who had been ordered to be deported by the immigration officials. The sixteen men and women, all Italians, who had been ordered back to Italy were kept on board the ship to take any chance they might have of getting ashore.

It was about dusk last Friday evening when a boat manned by Italians came alongside and hailing Capt. Egerton, who was on deck, demanded the release of the prisoners. With the demand came a threat that the ship would be blown up if the captain did not accede to the request.

It occurred to Capt. Egerton that the blowing up of his ship would be about as dangerous to the friends of the Italians in the boat outside as it would be to himself and his crew, so he laughed at the demand and ordered the boat away. The men in the boat pulled away muttering all kinds of threats and the captain began to think the matter over.

The Napolitan Prince carries an Italian crew and Capt. Egerton feared that a rescue of the prisoners might be attempted. He notified the police of the Fourth avenue station, but they were unable to take any action. He also armed himself and his American mates and stood watch and wait until the ship sailed. A squad of police and the private watchmen of the dock also kept guard, but the boatload of Italians didn't reappear and the Napolitan Prince sailed with bottom intact and all her prisoners on board.

COOK SUES FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Mary Maguire Says Employer Shattered Her Nerves.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—Because another cook had been engaged, says Mary Maguire, and because she was told that the new cook would be a good one, she was told to resign, as Mary had done, Mr. Vetterlein locked her in a room for ten hours to keep her from taking any chance she might have of getting away with a kick; therefore Mary has sued Mr. Vetterlein for \$10,000.

At Mr. Vetterlein's mansion at Radnor Mr. Maguire's story was flatly denied this afternoon.

"That girl is a blackmailer," said Mrs. Vetterlein's mother. "She was discharged and then refused to leave."

The little domestic tragedy, according to Mary, took place on the night of July 3 as Mr. Vetterlein's residence. She said she had decided to leave the house, she says. She gave notice and continued at the house until July 3, when the new cook arrived. There she was told to leave the house. She was in a pouring rain. Mr. Vetterlein locked her in a room for the night and when she called "murder" out the window he entered and forcibly ejected her from the house with a kick. She was badly bruised, she says, and her nerves were shattered.

MURPHY WANTS IT DROPPED.

HEARST AGAIN ACCUSES HIM OF STUPID FALSEHOOD.

And Murphy is Still Loyal to Hearst—And That's the Net Result on the Surface of the Blackmail Charges—Shober Tells About a Letter From Goulden.

Nothing is expected by the Tammany men to come of the attempt to have the Grand Jury probe the charges made by Charles F. Murphy that the managers of the Independence League tried to get money from the Tammany district committee as a consideration for withdrawing the candidates put up by the League in opposition to Tammany candidates. One of Mr. Murphy's advisers said yesterday that the Tammany leader is anxious to have the whole matter dropped, and it is likely that the district judges from whom Mr. Murphy supposed to have obtained his information to the effect that the League candidates or the League managers had been asking for money will take the hint.

In the effort to turn the tables on Mr. Murphy it was stated yesterday at the Gilley House that Francis E. Shober, one of the members of the League's executive committee, had a letter in his possession written by Joseph A. Goulden, the Tammany candidate for Congress from the Eighteenth district, to the managers of the Independence League, asking that the League should withdraw James T. Farrelly, the candidate it had put up against him, and consenting, in the event of this course being followed, to repay Mr. Farrelly the money he had so far spent in pushing his campaign. It was stated that the sum of \$500 was mentioned in the letter. Mr. Goulden threatened that unless Farrelly was pulled off he would issue 70,000 letters to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary organizations in this State attacking the Hearst ticket. Mr. Goulden is a G. A. R. man. A copy of the letter could not be obtained yesterday at the Gilley House, for the reason, it was explained, that the original document had been given to the Grand Jury and that a copy of it had not been taken.

Mr. Murphy would not talk about the matter. He contented himself with repeating that despite all that had happened or might happen he and the Tammany organization would remain loyal to Mr. Hearst.

"Do you think that Mr. Hearst will be elected?" he was asked.

"Certainly do," Tammany will faithfully support Mr. Hearst, and there is no question as to his being elected," Mr. Murphy replied.

SARATOGA, Oct. 20.—Mr. Hearst had this to say to-day regarding Mr. Murphy's appearance before the Grand Jury:

"The other day when these charges were first made I said that they were nothing more than a stupid campaign falsehood. They have proved to be exactly that—both false and stupid. There has been much needless and baseless criticism of the so-called Gilley House clique or executive committee of the Independence League, from which I have frequently been specifically excluded. I do not desire to be so excluded. I am proud to be associated with the gentlemen of the Independence League who have unselfishly given so much of their time and contributed from their own pockets to promote the cause of the people in the last campaign and in this campaign."

"Murphy's statement is not any more false and foolish than other statements that have been made, but I am distinctly glad that he made the statement and that he was put under oath before the Grand Jury and compelled to say it was baseless and reckless."

The Independence League is endeavoring to the best of its ability honestly and unselfishly to serve the people, to promote the interests of the people and to secure the election of men who will be faithful to the people. Where Democrats are indorsed they are indorsed because we believe they are the character of men who will serve the people. Where a Republican like Judge Rosalesky is indorsed it is because we believe that he has served the people and will continue to serve them faithfully. He is indorsed for that reason and for no other reason whatever.

"We are willing to unite with honest men of any party to further the people's cause, but we make no deals and submit to no dictation."

PICKED GLASS FOR DIAMONDS.

Dealer Urbach's Testimony Attacked by Man Who Furnished Fake Stones.

Experts contradicted yesterday the testimony of Solomon Urbach, the diamond merchant of 40 Maiden Lane, gave recently in the bankruptcy proceedings begun against him by creditors after he had reported the loss in a sleeping car of his entire stock, valued at \$400,000. Several of the largest diamond dealers of the city testified before F. K. Bondleton as referee.

Collection of supposed diamonds by means of which the creditors' lawyers tried to entrap Urbach at a prior hearing was taken from the sealed packages and placed on the table before the dealers. Urbach, when the stones were placed before him, had first declared that their value might be anywhere between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Afterward, at several daily sessions, he examined various single specimens, declaring some to be genuine diamonds and others imitations. In examining the stones he used a magnifying glass, insisted on taking them to an outside window to get a strong light, wiped them at intervals with his handkerchief and spent much time.

Alfred Krower was the first witness called to contradict Urbach. Mr. Krower said that he had furnished all the sparkling stones which the creditors' lawyers had exhibited, and which had been watched so theatrically by a Pinkerton detective and they were being examined. Every single stone, he said, was made of glass, and he would gladly sell the entire outfit for \$20.

Individual stones which Mr. Urbach had pronounced genuine were declared by the witness, after a moment's glance, to be of glass. Mr. Krower said that an experienced dealer could distinguish the real diamonds from those of glass without using a magnifying lens, and would do so without hesitation.

The hearing will be resumed on Monday.

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A GREATER MEAT TRUST.

Story That British Holding Co. Is to Take Over Whole American Industry.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—From New York to-day came a report based upon significant recent movements that an English holding company is being organized to take over the meat packing interests of the United States. The visit of Sir Thomas Lipton to Chicago, where he has spent most of his time in the company of packers, is declared to have been planned with the object of aiding this merger.

J. Ogden Armour is reported to be the probable choice for head of the vast consolidated industries. The capital stock of the holding company is placed by report at \$500,000,000.

The rumors bear out stories that have been current in La Salle street for weeks. For some time the activity in the shares of Swift & Co. on the local stock exchange has attracted much attention. The Street tried to explain the steady buying of all the stock that was offered and was content to believe that a pool was operating in the shares for solely speculative purposes.

Now it is said that conferences have been held here at frequent intervals at which the chief packing house representatives have been present. What they accomplished cannot be learned from the men interested, but taking the New York report in connection with those heard locally it was assumed in La Salle street to-day that the negotiations under way look to a public purchase of minor companies which heretofore have not been considered part of the "Big Six."

Rumor says that already there is a construction agreement of some kind between Swift and the Armours. The significance of such a movement, if it is carried to its logical end, is that one corporation will conduct the packing industry of the country much as the United States Steel Corporation controls iron and steel.

SUPREME COURT VACANCY.

Justices Harlan, White and Day in Consultation With the President.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—While President Roosevelt was in conference this afternoon with Secretaries Root and Taft he received a call from Associate Justices Harlan, White and Day of the United States Supreme Court, who remained with him for nearly an hour. The Justices declined to discuss the object of their visit and inquired at the White House as to whether there would be any statement on the subject of the conference brought out an emphatic no.

The President is trying to select a suitable man to succeed Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, who retired from the Supreme bench last May, and it is supposed that he sent for Justices Harlan, White and Day to get their opinions as to the qualifications of certain Circuit and District judges.

Judge Horace H. Burton of Nashville, Tenn., a Democrat, has been regarded as standing the best chance of selection. The other judges in the circuits presided over by Justices Harlan, White and Day are Don A. Pardee, Andrew P. McCormick, David D. Shelby, Henry W. Severens, John K. Richards, James D. Jenkins, Peter S. Croscop, Francis E. Baker, William H. Seaman and Christian C. Kohlsaat.

REVOLUTIONISTS ARRESTED.

U. S. Officials Take Mexican Agitators in El Paso for Violating Neutrality.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 20.—Charged with "setting up an expedition of a military character to assault a country at peace with the United States, to wit: The Republic of Mexico," the United States officers have locked up several Mexicans arrested in a raid last night.

Among the number is Lauro Aguirre, editor and publisher of *La Reforma Social*, a Mexican paper in this city, which recently printed the news of the revolution in Vera Cruz the day before the trouble began.

Another prisoner is Pedro Gonzales, who according to documents captured is recognized as a General of the revolution and high in the councils of the revolutionary party in the United States.

Papers connect the revolutionists with the St. Louis junta and also with the Douglas, Eagle Pass, Laredo, Brownsville and Del Rio juntas. The capture of documents at those places led to arrests here.

Simultaneously with the arrest in El Paso the Juarez police and military made a raid and arrested seven men who are held incommunicado in that city and whom the officials refuse to name.

The most sensational feature of the raid was the arrest on this side of the river of Capt. Adolfo Jimenez Castro of the Mexican army in Juarez. He voluntarily went to the other side of the river and is now under heavy guard.

SWEETHEARTS LOSE EACH OTHER.

But It All Happened for the Best, for Now They Are Married.

William Scheel, a middle aged farmer from the State of Washington, and his sweetheart, Miss Elizabeth Marie Berger of Berlin, were second class passengers on the Hamburg-American liner Amerika, which docked in Hoboken yesterday afternoon. They started for New York last evening and got separated in the crowd as they were about to enter the lower ferry house.

Miss Berger wandered along Hudson place weeping. Finally she told her story to a sympathetic citizen, who escorted her to Police Headquarters. A detective who speaks German volunteered to help her find Scheel, and together they visited the steamship piers, Lackawanna Railroad depot and other places. After half an hour's search they ran across the farmer as he stood disconsolate at the ferry scanning the faces of women as they passed.

Miss Berger threw her arms about him and Scheel responded with a hearty hug. The couple decided on the spot to get married and later they were wedded by the Rev. Charles McDaniel, an English Lutheran clergyman. They didn't make a second attempt last night to cross the ferry, but put up at Meyer's Hotel. Scheel said he went to Europe last April and while in Germany met and fell in love with Miss Berger.

WHY MILK IS HIGH.
See monologue on page 1, Ad.

COLLISION DELAYS ETRURIA.

CARPENTERS BUSY PATCHING A HOLE IN HER STERN.

She Had Anchored in the Fog, Going Out. When the Minnehaha, Also Outbound, Punched in Her Overhang for Ten Feet, Stopping Short of the Steering Gear.

The Cunarder Etruria, outward bound and anchored in the fog off the Robbin's Reef light, was run into there early yesterday forenoon by the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha, also outward bound. The Minnehaha cut such a hole in the Cunarder's stern overhang that the Etruria was compelled to stop for repairs and late last night was still at anchor off Tompkinsville, where she went after the collision.

It was so thick when the Etruria, which sailed at 7:30 o'clock, got to the Robbin's Reef light that Richard Bigley, the pilot in charge, advised Capt. Potter to come to anchor. The Minnehaha had started twenty minutes earlier than the Etruria, but the Etruria had passed the Minnehaha shortly before she came to anchor.

According to representatives of the Cunard Line the Etruria blew her whistle when she anchored and after that kept her bell ringing. Without any warning to those on the Cunard boat the big hulled Minnehaha loomed out of the fog and stuck her nose squarely against the Etruria's stern. Although the Minnehaha barely had way on the sharp bow cut into the Etruria's overhang for a distance of ten feet, carried away part of the turtle back and made a jagged hole that was ten feet deep from the top of the turtle back to the plating under the counter. A few feet further and the steering gear would have been put out of business. As it was the name "Etruria" was reduced to fractions.

The Minnehaha was only slightly damaged—enough to keep her from sailing, and she went to sea shortly after 10 o'clock. In the meantime she had stood by to be of assistance to the Etruria had assistance been needed.

There was considerable excitement on both vessels, but more on the Etruria, because most of her passengers were gathered aft, while the bow of the Minnehaha was lost in the fog to all on board her except the lookout.

The Etruria had only twelve passengers in her first cabin about fifty in the second and a hundred in the stowage. There was a rush to the cabins for life belts, but the ship's officers soon reassured the frightened and order was restored when it was seen that there was no danger of the vessel sinking.

Just as the Minnehaha pulled away from the mixup along came the Patricia of the Hamburg-American line so close that it looked as though they might be another collision. The Patricia went by safely and came to anchor off Tompkinsville, where she remained until last night waiting for another high tide to take her over the bar.

The Etruria sent a wireless message to the city, and Vernon H. Brown, the company's agent, went down to her on a tug. It was decided that the vessel had best remain in port until the damage could be repaired, and carpenters were sent for. The hole in the vessel's stern was fully twenty feet above the water line and would not prove dangerous except in a following sea. A stage was rigged over the stern and men began closing up the hole with timber and canvas.

The Cunard people said that there was no fault to be found with the way that the vessel had been handled by the captain and pilot, but they could not understand why the other ship had not heeded the signal bell the Etruria was ringing.

The Minnehaha was in charge of Pilot George Cramer when she sailed. She had thirty-five passengers in her first cabin.

MYSTERY IN LAWYER'S DEATH.

Supposed to Be a Bachelor. He Is Found to Have Been Married—Police Seek Wife.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—A woman, said to be the wife of Charles H. Stevenson, a well known lawyer and a cousin of former Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson, whose body was found early this morning in a basement at 98 Washington street, is being searched for by the police.

It is believed she can clear up mysterious circumstances connected with the attorney's death.

The police and friends of the dead man were greatly surprised when, upon investigation, it was learned that Stevenson had married Miss Ada Myrland at Hammond, Ind., almost two years ago.

It was always supposed that he was a bachelor, and the fact that he had kept his marriage secret and had never lived with his wife, caused Chief of Detectives O'Brien to issue orders for her arrest.

There was a long cry just above Stevenson's right temple and a bruise over the left eye.

The police want to question Mrs. Stevenson about enemies which may have existed between Stevenson and other persons.

THIS LORD MAYOR WON'T KISS.

When He Goes A-Junketing Abroad—And Such a Kissable Man, Too.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Some time ago when the London County Councilors were on an official visit to Paris the chairman, with Gallic gallantry, kissed the young women who presented the bouquets, &c. The Lord Mayor of London on his visit the past week followed this precedent.

Both occasions Londoners have been making what on they could out of this harmless occasion, but Sir William Treloar, the Lord Mayor-elect, disapproves of the practice, and if he visits Paris in his term of office will return to London in a state of Gladstone-Dowie-like unkindness.

In a speech yesterday Sir William Treloar, in referring to the kissing of the market queen by the present Lord Mayor, said: "I do not believe in kissing at all."

He objected to Lord Mayors and Councilors going to Paris and kissing foreign beauties and then coming home and boasting about it. He had no desire to emulate them.

Those who know the Lord Mayor-elect shrewdly suspect that he is talking with his tongue in his cheek. It is certain that his abstention from a practice insisted by other municipal dignitaries while visiting Paris will be regretted by the fair Parisians for Sir William is one of the best looking men that ever occupied London's civic chair.

CLASHES IN CUBA.

Militia and Rebel Sympathizers Reported to Have Indulged in Pot Shots.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

HAVANA, Oct. 20.—A small shooting affair is reported from Punta Benavente between militia and rebel sympathizers. The Discussion reports that a former officer of the militia was kidnapped by revolutionaries at Palmira. Capt. Barnet of the American marines ordered his release. There is no confirmation of this story at the Palace.

Reports come from Hermiguero, Santa Clara province, that armed bands calling themselves insurrectionists are stealing horses in that vicinity. It is also reported from San Marcos that a band of fifty mounted negroes passed there to-day on their way to Guines.

American detachment commanders report that the rebels in some districts are not giving up their arms. They give as a reason that they are afraid of the rural police, who, although suspended, still keep some of their arms.

Six Liberal members of the Provincial Council called on Gov. Magoon to-day and said they would not attend the sessions of the Council on account of the illegal manner in which the other members of the Council were elected. After talking the matter over with the Governor, however, the Liberals changed their minds and agreed to attend the sessions.

STORKS FOR MR. ROOSEVELT.

Somebody Sends Them From Stockholm on the Hamburg Boat.

Two storks in a handsome cage arrived here yesterday on the steamship Amerika from Hamburg. The tag on the cage bore the inscription:

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
Washington, U. S. A.

Just who sent the storks no one on the ship knew, though it was said that they came from a Berlin firm, and it was barely possible that they were intended for a relative of the President.

NOT TO USE CASH AT THE POLLS.

All Parties in Ithaca Pledged to That—Legitimate Expenses Limited.

ITHACA, Oct. 20.—All political organizations in this city to-day signed an agreement pledging themselves to abstain from any other considerations to influence the decision of voters at the polls. A penalty of \$100 is provided for any breach of the agreement. The legitimate expenses are limited to \$40 to each party for each election district.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO PANAMA.

He Will Start on Nov. 9, Sailing on the Battleship Louisiana.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Arrangements for President Roosevelt's visit to Panama have been arranged tentatively. After voting